



Dear Friends...

As I write this it is still two days before Thanksgiving and someone told me that there is a local radio station already playing Christmas music. I like that. I like it that there is a sense of urgency that rises up in various places for this season to begin. It is like those first rays of sunlight preceding the dawn that promise a new day is on the way, promising that the darkness isn't permanent and light is on the way again to move it aside for a while. Christmas is the annual celebration of that event just over 2,000 years ago that bridged the gap between God and His children. Advent, however, is this time of waiting for an event promised ... but still yet to come. For the faithful those rays of predawn light are Advent's promise that this One who came at Christmas will come again.

Isaiah calls him Wonderful Counselor, and the Holy Spirit is God's constant counselling presence in life. He moves us to pray and gives us the words for our prayer. He moves us to sing God's praise and gives voice to our song. He is the Law written in our hearts so that we know what is good, kind, noble, and loving without having to read what those things are on stone tablets or parchment.

Isaiah calls him Mighty God because he is God's complete self-revelation. Over the centuries theologians have tried to analyze God, but God will not stand analysis by any mortal. Theologians have tried to build a framework of words for God and fit

him inside it, but he keeps breaking out. Theologians have tried to capture him in confessional statements and creeds, but they have to keep writing new ones because God will not be captured by words.

Isaiah calls him Everlasting Father because he is eternal. This is God to whom a minute is a thousand years and a thousand years is a minute. This is God who is not bound by yesterdays, todays, or tomorrows, but who is in the eternal present. This is God who is with us today and will meet us tomorrow when we get there.

Isaiah calls him the Prince of Peace, and this may be the most compelling of his titles for those of us who engage the wait for this One who came at Christmas and who will come again. The peace he brings is stronger than both the rhetoric of politics and the noise of warfare. God's peace at Advent is like the rays of predawn light as they push away the darkness, promising that this One who came at Christmas will come again and his name is Jesus, the Prince of God's Peace.

Every Christmas blessing to you and yours,

Blessings,
Mike

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike".

Advent Fest

Everyone's Invited!!

Join Us for Advent Fest!
Sunday mornings throughout Advent
10 am in the After Schooler's room

Sunday, December 11th
&
Sunday, December 18th

Special Offerings in December

December 18 — Christmas Joy Offering—Provides assistance for those who have dedicated their lives to the service of the church and supports leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

December 24 — Bethany's Gift — A ministry that demonstrates the legacy she left behind: that however difficult your situation, there's always a reason to smile. All gifts to the fund are directed to helping families of critically ill children who are patients at Palmetto Richland Children's Hospital. Our hope is to help families with some of the everyday expenses that mount when caring for a critically ill child.

Music Notes

MUSIC NOTES

November 27 begins the Holy season of Advent. The Advent and Christmas seasons are filled with so many beautiful and inspiring Worship services and special events. I sincerely hope that you will plan to be here at Providence for everything. I look forward to spending these times with you.

Best wishes to all of you for a joyful, safe, and spiritually fulfilling Advent and Christmas.

Donna

Christmas Caroling

Providence Annual Christmas Caroling

**Sunday, December
11th
5:00 pm**

All Youth and Singers
Young & Old(er)
Welcome!!





The Christmas spirit is everywhere as we prepare for the Christmas season and Christmas programs here at PPCDC. Mrs. Sharon, the teachers and children are busy decorating and practicing for the Christmas programs at 3 p.m. for the Infants through Twos and 6 p.m. for the Threes through After Schoolers, on Friday, December 9. Teachers are also focusing on celebrating Jesus's birthday with songs and stories about the true meaning of Christmas. What a joy it is to experience the Christmas season with children who are filled with this excitement.

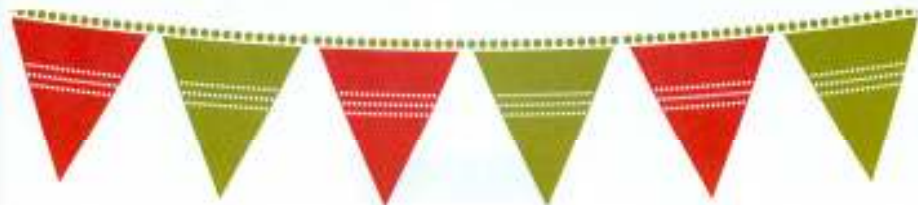


The Thanksgiving cookie sale was a wonderful success. We sold close to 300 dozen cookies, baked from scratch by our very own "Lunch Lady Jason." We are thankful to our Church and CDC families for supporting this effort to raise money for ceiling fans to place in the classrooms.

This year the CDC will be closed Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holidays and Monday, January 2, 2017, for the New Year Holiday. May this be a time when we all cherish our family and friends and thank God for the many blessings in our lives.

**Merry Christmas
everyone from all of us at
PPCDC!**





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JOY MARKET

IS COMING

SUNDAY, December 4

1 pm until 6 pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CRAFTERS, BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Crafters – see Teresa Coles or Cathy Monetti
Bakers and Food Sale Items – see Alice Wyatt
Know someone who might rent a vendor space?
see Cindy Enfinger or Judy Clas

**100% OF VENDOR FEES AND PROVIDENCE SALES
SUPPORT CAMPAIGN JOY**

Presbyterian Women News

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet on **December 11 at 12:00pm.**

Circle 1 will meet on ***Tuesday, December 13*** at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Communities.

Circle 2 will meet on ***Thursday, December 8*** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 3 will meet on ***Wednesday, December 21*** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 4 will meet on ***Monday, December 12*** at 6:00 pm at the church.

Men of the Church

As a reminder to the men of Providence, ***Men's Prayer breakfast*** is every ***Tuesday morning at 7:00 am*** at Providence in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are not an early bird, you can also attend the ***MOC*** on the ***second Monday of every month***. Our next meeting will be ***December 12th at 6:30 pm*** at Eddie Enfinger's house.

Cooks for the month of ***December*** are Eddie Enfinger and Jay Coles.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
12/04	Fletcher Scarborough	Laken Robinson
12/11	Arwyn Simmons	Jon Simmons
12/18	Baker Moore	Sarah Bragan
12/25	Volunteer	Volunteer
01/01	Avery McCree	Morgan Swygert
01/08	Maddox Ashley	Duncan Scarborough
01/15	Margo Mathis	Christopher Bragan
01/22	Caroline Cantrell	Virginia Johnson
01/29	Finn Bundrick	Julian Coles
02/05	Knox Robinson	Laken Robinson
02/12	David Lyell	Morgan Swygert
02/19	Arwyn Simmons	Jon Simmons
02/26	Colby Carter	Hunter Helms

Nursery Schedule

The Worship Toddlers has been combined with Worship Nursery.

We could use more volunteers. Please contact Emily or the church office if you would like to help.

Please review as your dates may have changed. If you have questions about the schedule, please contact Emily Mooneyhan or call the church office at 794-6766.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sunday School Nursery</i>	<i>Worship Nursery & Toddlers</i>	<i>Jr. Church</i>
12/04	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Sarah Scarborough
12/11	Jessica Moore	Jessica Moore	Anne Marie Ashley
12/18	Karen Bundrick	Karen Bundrick	Dave McCree
12/25	Christmas Day	Christmas Day	Christmas Day
01/01	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Tim Monetti
01/08	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Emily Mooneyhan
01/15	Jessica Moore	Jessica Moore	Sheri Gordon
01/22	Karen Bundrick	Karen Bundrick	Rosie Robinson
01/29	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Sarah Scarborough
02/05	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Anne Marie Ashley
02/12	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Dave McCree
02/19	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Emily Mooneyhan
02/26	Jessica Moore	Jessica Moore	Tim Monetti

Worship Schedules

Our ushers continue to do an excellent job, and we want to express our appreciation for their dedicated service. If you would like to become part of this ministry, you may call the church office (794-6766) or contact Emily Mooneyhan. Listed below are our schedules for the next 3 months. If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements with someone on the list to substitute for you.

Elder Readers

12/04 Phillip Enlow
12/11 Kim Simmons
12/18 Douglas Carlisle
12/25 Emily Mooneyhan
01/01 Cathy Monetti
01/08 Jason Bundrick
01/15 Gordie Moore
01/22 Andy Simmons
01/29 Teresa Coles
02/05 Violet Hane
02/12 Anne Marie Ashely
02/19 Roy Rushing
02/26 Caralytta Hawks

Worship Directors

12/04 Roy Rushing
12/11 Jason Bundrick
12/18 Michael Scarborough
12/25 Emily Mooneyhan
01/01 Anne Marie Ashley
01/08 Kim Simmons
01/15 Eddie Enfinger
01/22 Tim Hawks
01/29 Judy Clas
02/05 Nancy Pilat Renner
02/12 Jason Bundrick
02/19 Laurie White
02/26 Dottie Foreman

Usher/Communion Elder

DECEMBER 2016

Steve Gordon, Nancy Pilat Renner, Gordie Moore, Michael Scarborough

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDER:

12/11 Rosie Robinson, Lauren Finnegan
12/24 Rosie Robinson, Lauren Finnegan

JANUARY 2017

Judy Clas, Dotti Forman, Kim Simmons, Anne Marie Ashley

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDER:

01/08 Emily Mooneyhan, Tim Monetti

FEBRUARY 2017

Stoney Patton, Nancy Pilat Renner, Eddie Enfinger, George Hayes

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDER:

02/12 Roy Rushing, Kim Simmons
02/26 Roy Rushing, Kim Simmons

*Special Offerings
For December:
Christmas Joy Offering
Bethany's Gift*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Live Nativity & Lunch after worship 11:00 am Joy Market 1-6 pm <i>Audrey Schurig</i>	5 <i>Janet Jordan</i>	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Fiona Carlisle</i>	7 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	8 Circle 2 6:30 pm	9 CDC Christmas Program 3 & 6 pm	10 <i>Avery McCree</i>
11 Choir's Advent/Christmas Program 11:00 am PW Coordinating 12:00 pm Caroling 5:00 pm <i>Debbie Yarborough</i>	12 Men of the Church 6:30 pm Circle 4 6:00 pm <i>Lena Pukl</i>	13 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am Circle 1 11:00 am <i>Judy Thrana</i>	14 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	15 <i>David Lyell Jr.</i>	16	17
18 Christmas Joy Offering Session/Committee meeting	19	20 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am	21 No Chancel Choir Circle 3 6:30 pm <i>Arwyn Simmons</i>	22	23 CDC Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve Service 6:30pm Bethany's Gift Offering <i>Debbie Pardue</i>
25 Christmas Day Service 11:00 am	26 CDC and Church Office Closed <i>Joe Pukl</i>	27 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Pete Johnson</i>	28 No Chancel Choir <i>Virginta Johnson</i> <i>Margo Mathis</i>	29 <i>Carolyn Kay</i>	30 <i>Jessica Moore</i> <i>Laken Robinson</i>	31 <i>Christopher Bragan</i>

December 2016

Church Family Prayer Requests

We encourage you to remember them in your prayers. If you know of any sickness or concerns, please call the church office at 794-6766.

Our Members

Don Morris	Judy Thrana	Graham White
Nancy Pilat Renner	Caroline Patton	Betty White
Laurie White	Veneta Renner	Mary Wood
Doris Simmons	Bucky Masters	Margaret Lankford
Carolyn Kay	Susan Hicks	Shirley VanKley
Jean Rushing	Pearl Langford	Maria Patton
Al Montgomery	Tom Wyatt	Frances Julian
Kathy Hawks	Faye Daniel	Bea Shannon
Ralph Barton	Bob & Carmen Dennis-	Gail Pukl
Jeanette Bragan	Leigh	Dot Wilson

Our Family and Friends

Roddy Bowman (<i>Pilat Renner</i>)	Ken Akin (<i>Wyatt</i>)
Suzie Greene (<i>Morris</i>)	Butch Shirey (<i>Laurie White</i>)
Tammy Campbell (<i>Culpepper</i>)	Janet Vehorn
Ed Ellis (<i>Monetti</i>)	Jaxson (<i>Roy & Jean Rushing</i>)
Theresa Rigg (<i>Monetti</i>)	Landon Derrick (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Mike Merck (<i>Wyatt</i>)	Frankie & Sonia Riley (<i>Enfinger</i>)
Mallory Gilbert (<i>Rawl</i>)	Megan Sease (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Diane Flashnick (<i>Pardue</i>)	Vickie McGahee (<i>Patton, Bullock, Pardue</i>)
Mary McClenny (<i>Masters</i>)	Terri Barton (<i>Barton</i>)
Annie Williams (<i>Haley & Jordan Renner</i>)	Joyce Kistler (<i>Montgomery</i>)
Edith Billingsley (<i>Billingsley</i>)	Callie Simpson (<i>Sandra Simpson</i>)
Randy Finley (<i>Rawl</i>)	Chuck Curry
Greg Harris (<i>Rawl</i>)	Brian Fallaw (<i>Lindsey Fallaw, CDC teacher</i>)
Andrea Woodfield (<i>Rawl</i>)	Erika Browning (<i>Woods</i>)
Joyce Tullis (<i>Masters</i>)	Elena Carter (<i>Patton</i>)
Mack McGahee	Tom Johnson (<i>Martin</i>)
Dan Miranda (<i>Curry</i>)	Katie Atkinson (<i>Barton</i>)
Avie (<i>Billingsley</i>)	Chip Houser
Terry Jones (<i>Scarborough</i>)	Kathy Rigg (<i>Monetti</i>)
Chris	Kent Rigg (<i>Cathy Monetti</i>)
Debbie Culbreth (<i>Pukl</i>)	Pat Causey (<i>CDC Teacher</i>)
Don Hagy (<i>Pardue/Hicks</i>)	Military Service Members & Families
Joe McKinney (<i>Renner</i>)	Eloise Sarvis (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>)
Ken Martin (<i>White</i>)	John Coles (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>)
Claudine & Foster (<i>Patton</i>)	
Crystal Hawks (<i>Kathy Hawks</i>)	
Bob & Jane Harris (<i>Rawl</i>)	

Calling All Cell Phones

Evangelism and Mission Committee is collecting old cell phones for Sister Care. If you have any cell phones that their calling is to serve Sister Care, please bring them to church and place them in the marked box around the corner from the Narthex.

Gods Helping Hands

Thank you for responding to the needs of this ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated. The suggested items for **December are: Rice, Dry Cereal, Canned Soup, Peanut Butter, and Dry Beans.**



You may drop them by the church any time you would like or bring them with you to church on Sunday. Thanks!

Good Samaritan Clinic

The Good Samaritan Clinic is a faith-based 501(c)(3) group that provides free health care to those in need. Be alert for specific needs which will be listed from time to time in our weekly church bulletin. Prayerfully consider donating as you can. If you have questions, please call Joretta Rawl at (803) 234-7844.

Keep the Change Sunday, December 25

That's right! Keep the change --- to retire the debt! We encourage every Providence family to set aside your pocket change daily. On the 4th Sunday of the month, **December 25th**, -"Keep the Change" Sunday -- we will collect the change we've saved. Mark your calendars, save your change and help us retire the debt.

Save Those Tabs

While you're saving labels remember to save your drink can tabs and deposit them in the container in the hallway collection area. The Ronald McDonald House, the families who stay there, and the children who are hospitalized greatly appreciate our support.

Clip The UPC Labels for Thornwell

You may have heard that Campbell's is changing the way they collect the soup labels. The only change is that you now clip the UPC code instead of the front label. Thornwell still redeems them for merchandise as they have done in the past. So please keep clipping!



Also, clip the box tops from hundreds of your favorite General Mills products! Each box top is worth \$.10 to Thornwell.



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Fran Bragan, D. Min.....	Parish Associate
Cassie Smith.....	Secretary
Donna Martin	Music Director
Emily Mooneyhan.....	Christian Educator
Alice Wyatt	Clerk of Session
Debbie Pardue	Treasurer

Child Development Center

796-0492

Joan Bullock.....	Director
Sharon Enlow.....	Assistant Director
Jason Bundrick.....	Assistant Director
Kyle McCree.....	CDC Administrative Assistant

Active Elders

Jason Bundrick.....	2017
Eddie Enfinger	2017
Tim Hawks	2017
Joretta Rawl.....	2017
Judy Clas	2018
Dotti Foreman	2018
Roy Rushing.....	2018
Michael Scarborough	2018
Anne Marie Ashley	2019
Gordie Moore.....	2019
Nancy Pilat Renner	2019
Kim Simmons.....	2019

Program Ministries

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Tim Hawks/ Nancy Pilat Renner

MISSION MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Anne Marie Ashley/ Kim Simmons

FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILIES

Jason Bundrick

OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION

Andrea Johnson

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Roy Rushing/ Gordie Moore

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES MINISTRY

Eddie Enfinger

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER MINISTRY

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